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Mass Incarceration and Civil Rights in Arkansas

Hosted By:

The Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date:

Friday September 7, 2018

Time:

1:00pm-5:00pm, CDT

Location:

Holiday Inn Presidential 600 I-30 Little Rock, AR 72202

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Regional Programs Unit 203 S. Dearborn Suite 2120 Chicago IL, 60604

Phone: 312-353-8311 Fax: 312-353-8324 Online: www.usccr.gov On September 7, in Little Rock, the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a public meeting to hear testimony regarding criminal justice and mass incarceration in the state. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (1:00pm-1:15pm)

- *Panel 1 (1:15pm-2:30pm)*
- Panel 2 (2:45pm-4:00pm)
- Open Public Comment Session (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Closing Remarks (5:00pm)

The Committee will hear public testimony during the open public comment session, as time allows. Please arrive early if you wish to speak.

The Committee will also receive written testimony. Written testimony may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov, delivered on the date of the hearing, or submitted to the Regional Programs Unit at the fax or postal address to the left, within 30 days following the hearing.

For more information please contact the Regional Programs Unit of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For information about the Commission, please visit http://www.usccr.gov and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Agenda

Opening Remarks and Introductions (9:00am-9:15am)

Legal Panel (9:15am-10:30am)

William R. Groth, Of Counsel, Fillenwarth Dennerline Groth & Towe, LLP

Jan Mensz, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Indiana

Barbara Bolling-Williams, President, Indiana State Conference of the NAACP

Advocacy Panel (10:45am-12:00pm)

Dawn Adams, Executive Director, Indiana Disability Rights

Patsy Hoyer, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Indiana

Julia Vaughn, Policy Director, Common Cause Indiana

Steven Monroy, Legislative Staff Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Open Forum (12:00pm-12:30pm)

Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)

Academic Panel (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Dr. Bernard L. Fraga, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Indiana University

Dr. David Campbell, Professor of Political Science at University of Notre Dame

Dr. Vanessa Cruz Nichols, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Indiana University

Government Panel (3:00pm-4:15pm)

Brandon Clifton, Chief of Staff, Indiana Secretary of State

Myla A. Eldridge, Marion County Clerk

Tim Maguire, Libertarian Party Chair

Angie Nussmeyer, Democratic Party Representative

Open Forum (4:15pm-5:00pm)

Closing Remarks (5:00pm)